

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2003. Claims 1, 17, 24, 28, 35, 40, 45, 50, 56, 57, 61, 62 have been amended. New Claims 68 to 75 have been added. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments made herein. A check in the amount of \$144.00 is submitted herein to cover the newly added claims. Please charge Deposit Account 02-1818 for any insufficiency or to credit any overpayment.


Claims 1 to 62 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Patent Office cites informalities in the claims which require correction.

Applicants have clarified the claims to remove and/or correct the informalities cited by the Patent Office in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 to 62 overcome the § 112 rejection and are in proper condition for allowance. These changes do not narrow the scope of the claims.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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